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REMARKS

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1. From 17 to 22 November, the barracks installation in Meissen-Bohnitsch was occupied by an estimated 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. About 50 percent of the soldiers were recruits. On 20 November, six guns were parked in front of the garages.

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An estimated 50 trucks were at the installation. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on 17 November, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets organized into groups were at drill. Fifty-four soldiers including 15 with artillery insignia entered the installation about 10:45 a.m., coming from the firing range. Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 20 November, about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets organized into groups drilled with rifles. Between 9 and 10:30 a.m. on 22 November, about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in aiming practice while about 20 soldiers wearing coveralls were cleaning five trucks.

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on 16 November, about 1,000 soldiers marched to the railroad station from the barracks installation in Bohnitsch.

2. On 23 October, about 800 unarmed soldiers were played to by a military band from the barracks installation to the railroad station in Bohnitsch with colors flying. They had no baggage. They included soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, light blue epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. three entrainments of this type had occurred during the period from 20 to 23 October. From 13 November to 4 December, groups were seen almost daily receiving infantry training at the barracks installation in Bohnitsch. Motor vehicles were seen entering and leaving the installation

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Two T-34/85 tanks were on the loading ramp of the freight station. Truck loaded with the tanks, came from the direction of the tank repair shop.²

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1. Comment. The present report fails to confirm individual units of the 9th Tank Div stationed in Meissen. The occupation strength should be at least double the number indicated. The information also fails to indicate the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div which probably moved from Kamenz to Meissen.

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